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Sir:

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION MAILED DECEMBER 16, 2002

In reply to the Office communication mailed December 16, 2002 (Paper No. 16), Applicants submit the following remarks. In view of the concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time and fee of \$930.00, this response is due by April 16, 2003, and is timely filed.

The Office contends that Applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration submitted September 26, 2002, was not fully responsive with respect to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-28 over claims 1-88 of U.S. Patent No. 6,284,519 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,580,979 to Bachovin in that Applicants requested the Office to hold this rejection in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. Communication, page 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit the

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enclosed terminal disclaimer, which disclaims any patent term that extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,284,519. In view of this terminal disclaimer, Applicants request that the Office withdraw the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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